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Respect Charter Continues

The Aberdeen and District Juvenile FA will continue to insist that all teams have their players officials and supporters sign up to the Respect Charter Code of Conducts.

Each season clubs should discuss with players officials and supporters the type of behaviour that is and is not acceptable. Too often individuals can get caught up in the moment and forget that this is a sport for young people and not the World Cup.

Speaking of the Word Cup the introduction of the VAR System just shows how difficult it is for our match officials who have only a split second to make their decision.

If everybody RESPECTS that decision then the game can pass without incident. Copies of the Codes to sign will be E Mailed to all teams. The Respect Charter has been posted in the document section of the Association Website.

Without opponents or referees there is no game so please RESPECT them.



Step in to Sponsor Cup

GOALS Aberdeen the Five a Side Facility at Inverdee Aberdeen have stepped to sponsor the Association's President's Cup at the 16s Age Group. It will now be known as the Goals President Cup.

GOALS Manger Brian Johnston has been keen to get involved with the association not least because he is heavily involved with Cove Youth FC. He said "We have a fantastic facility here and teams in the association can enjoy discounted prices for hires for training and on days when their games has been canceled."

Ray Riddell the Development Age Group Secretary is in discussion with Brian regarding the hosting of Super Fives Festivals when they are not playing at the ASV.

17s Regional Trophy renamed in honour of Mark McEwen

After the sad loss of Culter United 16s Mark McEwen in his long battle against cancer the association were approached by Culter Youth with a view to sponsoring an association Trophy in honour of Mark.

As the 17s Regional Trophy had only been in place this past season it was felt this was the appropriate Trophy. All the more so as it will a competition Mark's team Culter United will be playing for next season .

Karl Scmitz who took over the reins of the team from Mark is delighted that the association have granted the honour of naming the trophy after Mark. Culter will fund the trophies and it is hoped that Mark's widow will be able to present the Trophies.

Check Your Goal Posts

A timely reminder for all teams that use mobile goalposts to have them checked so they structurally sound. Also they should review their Safety Risk Assessment for the erection , dismantling , transporting and storage of this equipment.

Treasurer in the wars

The association treasurer Ann McKenzie hasn't had the most relaxing close season . She was booked in to get a replacement knee surgery. Following years of both playing and refereeing football the wear and tear on her knee was too much.

The morning after the operation whilst on the move she suffered complications in the form of blood clots which affected her heart which meant that she had to be resuscitated. This caused damage to her ribs and saw her confined to the high dependency unit at ARI for two weeks before the medics controlled her blood clots.

She is now back on to the road to full recovery and will be fully mobile in a short while.

Ann has been in the post now for over 22 years and also looks after the association's website.

VAR and the World Cup

The use of the Video Assistant Referee in the World Cup seem to cause as much controversy as it was designed to eliminate.

In the final itself you had Alan Shearer on the BBC saying the award of the penalty was totally wrong!

Just spare a wee thought for our referees on the wind swept plains at Aulton on a Sunday morning . They get one chance to see an incident and make a decision. If teams and officials do not respect that decision then we have a problem. If there is no respect for referees and their decisions we will end up with even less referees than we currently have. This will ultimately lead to no games getting played.

No Litter Please

Speaking of Aulton just a friendly reminder for all teams to collect all their litter at the end of the match.

This goes for all venues teams must respect the facilities that they play at . After all it only takes a couple of minutes to collect all the litter left by teams.

In the current climate regarding the plastic waste in the environment it shows how responsible football can be by picking all the plastic bottles.

Complaints about Pitches

Under the Laws of the Game the Referee has sole discretion about whether a pitch is playable. That is assuming that the ground authority has left the decision up to him.

If teams believe that the pitch is unplayable then they must record their protest in writing giving a copy to both the referee and their opponents prior to the match commencing. If they don't play they will almost certainly lose the tie if the referee reports that in his opinion the pitch was playable.

The same goes for overhead conditions.

Regarding the question of whether the pitch complies with the dimensions as laid down by the Laws of the Game then it is a similar process if the referee confirms that the dimensions conform to the Laws of the Game.

There are currently two pitches in the area that are just on the minimum width for a pitch at 50 yards wide. These are the small pitch adjacent the junior pitch at Longside and the new 3 G Pitch at Aboyne.

The association has had members of the Referee Association measure these following complaints by member clubs.

Familiarise yourself with the Rules

It is incumbent on all club officials to be have a working knowledge of the Association rules. Copies of the Rules Governing Competition are posted in the Document Section of the Association Website. There is also a PDF slide show Guide to the Rules.

All teams are also issued with a Memorandum at the start of the season highlighting certain rules . There is no excuse. Recipients of these should ensure that all officials at the club receive a copy.

Then there is the little matter of the Laws of the Game. When was the last time you read these. Over the years there has been a significant number of changes and it is obvious given some of the shouts from the touchlines that the spectators are not aware of .

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A new Password for the Player Suspension Page will be E Mailed to the Primary contacts of all teams before the commencement of fixtures. Under the SYFA Data Protection rules this page cannot be made public.

The Player Suspension Page can be found under More on the tabs at the top of the first page

Check Your Contact Details

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